



Officers of the Royal Rangers of the First Assembly in Salem, N.J., look over the material for this new boys program. Left to right: Pastor Robert J. Lundstrom, Commander John McCauley, Lt. Commander David Wiley, and Lt. Commander Robert Simpkins.

Why I Believe in ROYAL RANGERS

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WHEN J. ROBERT ASHCROFT, WHO is president of Evangel College, came to our church in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1944, I was a boy of twelve years of age. My spiritual condition was very poor, and certain bad habits were forming in my life. The first thing Pastor Ashcroft did for us boys was to form a boys club called "The White Shirt Brigade." Our motto was, "What would Jesus do?"

At that time there was no organization like the Royal Rangers in our movement, but through this club we learned about Jesus. A consecrated

layman, James Lewis, later assumed the leadership of it, and through all our Junior and Senior High years we had this wonderful Christian boys club to go to every Saturday evening. Through the boys club I was saved and inspired to live wholly for the Lord. Church became my life. Several of us boys formed a quartet called the Evangelairens and traveled with Pastor Ashcroft in youth meetings for several years. We were on fire for God!

Through the boys club, started by Pastor Ashcroft in 1944, have come